

Town of Wenham
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2006 ~7:30 p.m.
Bessie Buker Multi Media Room

APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AT THEIR MEETING OF

April 18, 2006

Present: Tom Tanous, Chair; Peter Hersee; Don Pickard; Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary

Mr. Tanous opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Reports & Warrants Delivered April 20 & 21

Mr. Pickard announced that the Boy Scouts will be delivering the Town Meeting Warrant and Annual Town Report to each residence on Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21, 2006.

PRESENTATIONS BY GUESTS OR STAFF

COA Web Page – Trudy Reid, COA Director

Ms. Reid told the BOS that the Council on Aging has a new web page at wenhamcoa.org. She said that the COA received a grant from the First Church of Wenham and web design services from Wenham resident, Bill Nichols. Ms. Reid identified that the web site includes COA activities, a calendar of events and Medicare information, for example.

Ms. Reid went on to give the Selectmen a brief update on the COA saying that four students participated in free computer classes at the library and that there are many trips planned such as to the Boston Pops, the Boston lighthouses, a baseball game and a trip to Nantucket Island.

She added that the Friends of the COA are holding their first fundraiser as a bake sale on May 6th and are accepting baked donations, and that residents can sign up for the yellow dot program at the town meeting on May 6th.

Mr. Chelgren recognized the web page designer, Bill Nichols for his excellent work on the COA web site design.

NEW BUSINESS

Unsung Heroes Award

Mr. Hersee recognized and congratulated residents Ann Brainard and Liz Furber as the recipients of the Unsung Heroes Award saying that they collected five trailer loads of supplies for hurricane Katrina victims that were shipped to New Orleans.

Fire Department

Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Fire Chief Blanchard said that carbon monoxide detectors were mandatory in all homes as of March 31, 2006, adding that stores are running out of them very quickly. He welcomed residents to call the fire department office with questions at 978.468.5508.

The Chief added that the department will be looking into any grants to assist people with the cost of purchasing the detectors, noting that they are more expensive than smoke detectors.

New Fire Inspection Fees – Chief Blanchard briefly reviewed that the State has allowed an increase in service fees. The BOS will review this information and make a recommendation.

Brush Truck – Chief Blanchard identified that the Fire Department received a grant for a new brush fire truck which is currently being built and is expected to be in town by June 2006.

He went on to say that the department will be ready to dispose of the old brush truck when the new truck arrives.

The BOS asked the Chief to provide them with the fair market value of the old truck.

After declaring the truck surplus, the Selectmen will consider offers from local towns.

Public Hearing Officer - Chief Blanchard explained that the town is mandated to have a Public Hearing Officer who will hold responsible those people fined for work done illegally and that various options are being considered by the department including sharing a Public Hearing Officer with other local communities.

Regional Dispatch - Chief Blanchard identified that there is local interest for a central dispatch center and that the Police and Fire Chiefs of 8-10 communities, including Hamilton, have been meeting for several months discussing community dispatching, noting that the intention is to act cost effectively. The Chief asked for the Selectmen's support and authorization to continue with these discussions. It was identified that the Town Administrator has prepared such a letter of support.

Mr. Pickard moved to endorse the letter in support of a regional dispatch center study and authorize the BOS chair to sign the letter. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Tanous announced that there will be a leaf bag pickup on Saturday, May 13th. He added that leaf bags are available for seniors at the COA.

Mr. Chelgren noted that the town of Hamilton is also doing a leaf pickup on the same day.

Mr. Tanous went on to expressed his thanks to the DPW for the spring cleanup of the streets and sidewalks that has been going on in town under Acting Director John Pews, adding that the catch basins have also been cleaned out.

REPORTS

Mr. Hersee said that the Community Preservation Committee recently voted to approve the following applications to be recommended at Town Meeting:

- Town hall renovation project (\$157,784 debt service)
- Ball field work at Patton Park (\$2000)
- Wenham Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths \$25,000)
- Pleasant Pond Neighborhood Association (\$10,000)

Mr. Tanous noted that each item will be voted on individually at town meeting and that motions can be made to decrease the amounts.

Town Administrator

Mr. Chelgren said that regarding a motion to approve \$72,000 for bonding for the boiler at Iron Rail, Bond Counsel requires that the Selectmen vote to include specific language related to the previous motion.

Mr. Hersee moved that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the \$72,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 3, 2003 (Article 9) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(9) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
Replacement of Boiler and related Heating system Components at The Iron Rail Property	\$72,000	10 years

I further certify that the vote was taken at the meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in the office of the Town Clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of the town at least 48 hours, including Saturdays but not Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting that no deliberations or decision in connection with the vote were taken in the executive session and that the official record of the meeting was made available to the public promptly and remains available to the public, in accordance with G.L. c.39, s.23B as amended.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Chelgren said that the Iron Rail Study Committee has requested a meeting with the Iron Rail Committee and the BOS regarding the future master plan for the leases of the Iron Rail property. It was agreed to arrange a meeting the week of April 17th.

Mr. Tanous identified that there is a legislative breakfast on April 7th in Salem, but that none of the Selectmen are able to attend.

Mr. Hersee said that the Suburban Coalition is holding a breakfast at the State House on April 10th and that he is planning to attend.

Transportation and improvement program - Mr. Tanous gave a brief update saying that Bayside Engineering will be submitting the design, which is 75% complete, to the state for approval to move into the bidding stage.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant - Review of Warrant Articles

Paul Weaver, Town Counsel was present to review the warrant articles with the Selectmen.

Mr. Chelgren identified that articles 1-4 are the standard municipal town government business.

Regarding article 4, Mr. Chelgren identified that the town is receiving an increase in Chapter 90(road maintenance) money from \$90,800.00 to \$91,682.00.

Article 5 - School Operating Budget override for \$91,082.00

Article 6 - CPC recommendations voted either individually or as a group

Article 7 - Town hall /police station building project additional funding in the amount of \$2,151,421.00 as debt exclusion.

Article 8 - Leveling of the tax rate

Article 9 - To submit to the State an Amendment to the Community Preservation Act to allow occupants of co-operative housing units the same exemption offered for owners of residential properties.

Article 10 - To allow survivors of a fallen fire fighter to be treated as municipal employees and receive health benefit coverage, such as a retiree in the 60/40 plan

Article 11 - To authorize the BOS to establish a non profit to manage the Hamilton/Wenham Cable TV station

Article 12 - Town Counsel is recommending the rewrite of this article to express the intent of the Conservation Commission to change the method of enforcement.

The BOS will wait for Outside counsel recommendation to sign the warrant

Article 13 - To reduce the penalty for underground petroleum storage tanks from \$1000 to the State maximum amount of \$300 per order of the Attorney General

Article 14 - To authorize the Board of Health to enter into mutual agreements with other local Boards to commission contract services, public services or studies to be done more efficiently

Article 15 - To allow the BOS to issue up to four annual liquor licenses and ten one-day licenses

The Selectmen went on to make the following motions;

Article 2 – Mr. Hersee moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 3 – Mr. Hersee moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 4 – Mr. Pickard moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 5 – After identifying that the School Committee worked hard on this budget, Mr. Hersee moved to recommend favorable action for a \$91,082 override at town meeting. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 6 – Mr. Pickard moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 7 – It was the will of the Selectmen that article 7 be held for wording but acknowledged that they support this article.

Article 8 – Mr. Pickard moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 9 – Mr. Hersee moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 10 – Mr. Pickard moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 11 – Mr. Hersee moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 12 – It was the will of the Selectmen to post pone action.

Article 13 – Mr. Pickard moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 14 – Mr. Hersee moved to recommend favorable action at town meeting. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 15 – No action required.

MINUTES

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the Wenham Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of March 21, 2006 with edits as indicated. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the Wenham Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of March 28, 2006 with edits as indicated. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the Wenham Board of Selectmen executive session meeting minutes of March 21, 2006 with edits as indicated. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

8:57 Mr. Hersee moved to recess until Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in the town hall conference room. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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April 18, 2006

Town of Wenham
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of Thursday, April 06, 2006 ~ 8:30 a.m.
Center School Conference Room – School Street

Present: Tom Tanous, Chair; Peter Hersee, Don Pickard, Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator;
Catherine Tinsley, Secretary

Mr. Tanous reconvened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Mr. Tanous briefly reviewed changes to the warrant including the elimination of (Article 13) regarding the underground petroleum storage bylaw amendment citing that a Planning Board Hearing is required and there is not enough time for the process before Town Meeting.

Mr. Hersee moved to eliminate the underground petroleum storage Article 13 from the Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 12 - Water Resource Protection

Mr. Tanous identified changes to include enforcement and penalties plus simplified wording of the article with the intention that motion will contain more details.

Mr. Pickard moved to approve Article 12 Water Resource Protection changes as indicated.

Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Article 14 – Liquor License

Mr. Chelgren reported back to the Selectmen as previously requested regarding the wording of the liquor license article and said that it is appropriate to drop the reference to “annual” when referring to issuance of 4 liquor licenses. No action was required.

There was a brief discussion regarding Article 10 call firefighter survivor benefits.

Mr. Pickard moved to approve the posting of the Town Meeting Warrant for the May 6, 2006, Town Meeting.

Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Chelgren identified that Ms. Rand, Chair of the Iron Rail Commission, informed the BOS that there is a potential tenant for one of the spaces at the Iron Rail building.

Larry Swartz, Chair of the Finance & Advisory Committee and Sarah Johnson, Finance Director briefly talked to the Selectmen regarding Article 2 related to bonding.

9:10 a.m. - Mr. Pickard moved to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.